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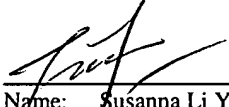
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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

Applicant hereby brings attention to the Examiner that the following references were cited in an International Search Report dated September 29, 2003: US5856290; DE19615286; US5646105; US5403505; WO95/00613; WO98/271888; WO99/31216; EP0333143; US6323171; and US6140289.

A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed. Since the International Search Report is in

English, no English translation of the listed foreign references is required, pursuant to MPEP

§609(A)3.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)):

EP0333143 is relevant because it was cited as an "A" reference in the International Search Report and DE19615286 is relevant because it was cited as an "X" reference in the International Search Report.

English abstracts are provided for WO95/00613 and WO98/27188.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501257.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	5856290	1/05/1999	Van Buskirk et al			
	5646105	7/08/1997	Hachmann et al.			
	5403505	4/04/1995	Hachmann et al.			
	6140289	10/31/2000	McCandlish et al.			
	6323171	11/27/2001	Fonsny et al.			

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	DE19615286	10/23/1997	DE				X
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	WO 98/27188	6/25/1998	PCT			ABSTRACT	
	WO 99/31216	6/24/1999	PCT				
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